

THE ENQUIRER.

THE STATE OF AGRICULTURE IN THE LOWER PROVINCE, CONSIDERED. WITH A VIEW TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF A BETTER SYSTEM.

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Hoping therefore, this important advancement in the Agriculture of the Province will begin where it should do among the best informed and respectable people in it. I shall now consider how far the duties and the interests of the Legislature, the Clergy and the Seigneurs or great Land-Holders are concerned in promoting them by their influence and example.

With respect to the interests of the Clergy being concerned there can be no doubt, for their revenues are in proportion to the yield of the land. On referring to No. 5 of this Enquirer, Pa. 74 and 5, and to No. 7, Pa. 105, it will appear that corn crops may be nearly doubled in this Province, as have been the great and good effects of the improved mode of Agriculture in Scotland.

This is not however the only or chief reason which interests the Clergy in promoting an attention to, and introduction of a beneficial improvement. The moral characters of my Canadian countrymen, I am truly pleased to find on my return have been yet preserved in a considerable degree of purity, and that this is owing in some measure to the vigilant care of their Clergy, I think will be allowed; it is in the preservation which this Clergy must wish of these moral habits that we are to look for their principal inducements to promote among them an inclination for agricultural improvements, their proper business, and which have a great tendency to create habits of increased industry.

In the present times, with what caution are those who wish to preserve the path of wisdom and happiness, obliged to proceed. Folly abounds in the world to mislead them from it. Wise men apply to business, and the practice of every duty; good men to the consolations of virtue and religion; social men, to the enjoyments of cheerful society to escape its errors, whilst it will probably be found that the combined union of these are necessary for this good end. The endeavours of wise and good men have been of late much exerted to direct our desire of pleasure to wise purposes, and I feel persuaded, that the success of a great portion of our institutions, for education, for public charities, and for great national undertakings, has been much owing to the proper direction of these sensations. Men who have continued for some time in promoting the Public good or in conducting any of their institutions, and of a generation superior to employing the talents of their minds and inclinations of their hearts in their advancement and accomplishment. Among these pursuits, none has, probably, reduced better moral effects than a zeal for the practice of modera